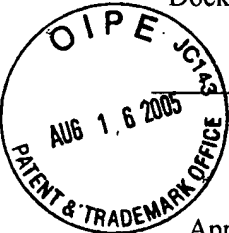


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Applicant : Steven F Bolling, et al.
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 SYSTEM AND METHOD OF APPLYING
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1. Submission Required under 37 CFR 1.114:

- (X) Enclosed:
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 - (X) Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 Equivalent in 2 total page;
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2. Fees:

FEE CALCULATION				
FEE TYPE		FEE CODE	CALCULATION	TOTAL
RCE Fee		2801 (\$395)		\$395
Suspension of Action		1463 (\$130)		\$ 0
Total Claims	25 - 20 = 5	2202 (\$25)	5 x 25 =	\$125
Independent Claims	5 - 3 = 2	2201 (\$100)	2 x 100 =	\$200
			TOTAL FEE DUE	\$720

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